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(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Filing Date	December 22, 2000
Group Art Unit	2661
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METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ROUTING MESSAGES IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)  
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